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Amendment

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 2, 9, 10, 15-17 and 22 and which was mailed on March 13, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Replacement drawings including a new drawing figure is attached following page 17 of this paper.